

# HB832 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Report Title: Public Charter Schools; Public School Service Area

Description: Allows a public charter school student who has been notified of the prospect of charter revocation or nonrenewal or school closure to enroll in a school outside of the student's service area. (HB832 HD1)

Companion: [SB832](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: EDU, WAM

Introducer(s): TAKUMI, OHNO

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/26/2015	H	Pending introduction.
1/28/2015	H	Introduced and Passed First Reading
1/28/2015	H	Referred to EDN, referral sheet 3
2/4/2015	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by EDN on Monday, 02-09-15 2:00PM in House conference room 309.
2/9/2015	H	The committees on EDN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 9 Ayes: Representative(s) Takumi, Ohno, Choy, Ichiyama, Kong, LoPresti, Say, Tsuji, Tupola; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 4 Excused: Representative(s) Aquino, Ing, Ito, Matsumoto.
2/25/2015	H	Reported from EDN (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 578) as amended in HD 1, recommending passage on Second Reading and placement on the calendar for Third Reading.
2/25/2015	H	Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1; placed on the calendar for Third Reading with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and none excused (0).
3/5/2015	H	Passed Third Reading with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Say, Souki excused (2). Transmitted to Senate.
3/6/2015	S	Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 18).
3/6/2015	S	Passed First Reading.
3/10/2015	S	Referred to EDU, WAM.
3/12/2015	S	The committee(s) on EDU has scheduled a public hearing on 03-16-15 1:15PM in conference room 229.



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FOR: HB832 HD1 Relating to Education  
DATE: Monday, March 16, 2015  
TIME: 1:15 p.m.  
COMMITTEE(S): Senate Committee on Education  
ROOM: Conference Room 229  
FROM: Tom Hutton, Executive Director  
State Public Charter School Commission

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Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission ("Commission") appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of House Bill 832 HD1, "Relating to Education," which would allow a charter school student who is currently enrolled at a public charter school that has been notified of the prospect of revocation or nonrenewal, or is closing, to enroll in a Department of Education ("DOE") school outside of the student's service area.

This measure seeks to address the needs to students and their parents who have been or will be displaced due to the closure or impending closure of a public charter school due to revocation of the school's charter contract. The Commission wishes to acknowledge gratefully the aloha with which public schools, both DOE and charter, have welcomed mid-year transfers during the pending revocation of Hālau Lōkahi Charter School. The Commission's concern is to ensure that students and their families who are affected by such an event be given as much opportunity and assistance as our public school system can afford in making this difficult transition easier, including consideration for a geographical exception. We believe that expressly addressing this particular situation will help raise awareness, and better ensure future awareness, about these considerations and options.

This bill is not intended to provide such charter school students with an automatic advantage over other students who may be seeking a geographical exception on other grounds, such as authorized physical residence, the availability of a specialized program at the school, attendance by siblings, or children of staff. Rather, the intent is to expressly grant the receiving

school's principal the discretion to consider similarly the urgency of the affected student's situation under a revocation scenario and to ensure that everyone in the public school system and families are aware of that discretion.

We would respectfully request that the bill be narrowed to delete the reference to nonrenewal, so that this consideration only applies in a revocation scenario. The nonrenewal of a charter school's charter contract would occur through a contract renewal/nonrenewal process with advance notice, and thus would not present the same time exigencies for families as does a revocation, which by definition is occurs only under urgent circumstances.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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**HB832**

Submitted on: 3/15/2015

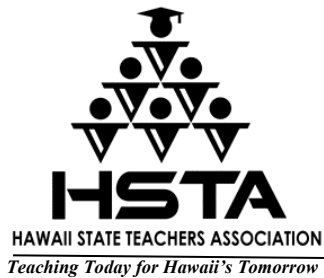
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Gauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

RE: H.B. 832, H.D. 1 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

PERSON TESTIFYING: JOAN LEWIS, VICE-PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Chair Michelle Kidani, Honorable Vice Chair Breene Harimoto and  
Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) **supports H.B. 832, H.D. 1**, relating to  
the relocation of charter school students to public school.

HSTA believes that all children have a right to a quality education that addresses their  
academic, social, emotional, expressive, physical, civic, and technological needs. We  
believe that the Department of Education has a responsibility to address the needs of  
the whole child understanding that this cannot always be achieved at the public school  
located within their geographical service area.

H.B. 832, H.D.1 addresses a critical need of a student who is required by circumstances  
beyond their control to relocate to a school that will meet their needs as described  
above. This is a time sensitive decision and should be supported by all stakeholders to  
make the transition as smooth as possible. This law validates the concept, “students  
first”.

HSTA, on behalf of their 13,500 public and public charter school teachers **supports**  
**H.B. 832, H.D.1.**